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Toshiharu ARISHIMA et al.

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Examiner Timothy E. Betton

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of May 30, 2008, constituting a species election between Groups (A) to (E), Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (A). Applicants further elect the species "LUU type triacylglycerols." The readable claims are claims 1-3, 8-9 and 14-15. Applicants remind the Examiner that once the elected species is found allowable, Applicants are entitled to consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141.

With regard to the Examiner's request that Applicants furnish specific names for the chemical compounds if available, Applicants confirm that no compound names are currently available.

Favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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